



Clay Star Ornament
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Materials

Premo translucent clay
Atlas clay-dedicated pasta machine
toner-based copy
burnisher
star cutter
sandpaper
Krylon 18-carat gold leafing pen
gel medium

Steps:

1. Roll out Premo translucent clay to #2 thickness on pasta machine. Make slab larger than desired size of star.
2. Cut out toner-based copy leaving an extra "tab" of paper to be used to pull copy away from clay. This ornament was made using a reversed image of "Twas the night before Christmas..." text.
3. Place copy on clay. Burnish well for a minute. Leave on for a total of eight minutes. Using the tab, pull copy off sharply and quickly.
4. Cut out star shape with star cutter.
5. Adhere clay to shape, making sure to press down all over. You may need a mold release if surface has some tooth to it.
6. Bake according to package directions. When cool, sand edges well.
7. Use Krylon 18-carat gold leafing pen as desired.
8. Rub or paint dark paint into writing/crevasses. Remove excess with cotton swabs, paper towels, or flat clay shaper. Repeat if necessary.
9. When paint in crevasses is completely dry, thin desired color(s) of paint (for surface) with gel medium. If using two or more colors, blend thinned color directly on star surface with fingers, sponge or cotton swabs. Let dry overnight.
10. Buff on machine or with soft cloth. If using oil paints, dab on lightly with cotton swab and remove excess with clean swab or terry cloth rag. Sand excess gold paint off back.
11. Drill hole large enough for jump ring. Thread cord through ring and tie off with overhand knot pushed close to jump ring. Knot ends together with another overhand knot and trim ends to 3/8 inch.